Year	State Commission	District Fora	Total
2006	2063	14614	16677
2007	3153	12830	15983
2008	3935	16375	20310

(c) The total number of accumulated cases pending for disposal at the end of 2008, as informed by NCDRC, is as follows:

Year	State Commission	District Fora	Total
End of 2008	17755	14181	31936

Stem cell therapy to cure blindness

3719. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that British scientists from the Institute of Ophthalmology at University College of London have developed the world's first stem cell therapy to cure the most common cause of blindness; and

(b) if so, the details of the discovery?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Ministry does not maintain information on research underway in United Kingdom.

Shortage of pentavalent vaccine

3720. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government is taking to overcome the shortage of pentavalent vaccine in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the shortage of pentavalent vaccine is affecting the immunization programme against Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Hepatitis-B and HIB?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government of India is planning to introduce Pentavalent combination vaccine of DPT – Hepatitis B – Hib (Haemophilus influenzae b) in 5 States, namely, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu during 2009-10 to 2011-12. Cabinet approval is being sought for the same. The domestic vaccine industry has assured adequate availability of Pentavalent vaccine.

(b) No. As the vaccine is yet to be introduced, it has no bearing on immunization with Hepatitis B, DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus) and Hib vaccines.

Mortality rate in Assam due to cancer

3721. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: